

Arkansas

Crop Progress and Condition



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Reporting for the week ending September 23, 2007.

General

Topsoil moisture supplies by the end of the week were 5 percent very short, 26 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 10 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 60 percent adequate. On average, there were 6.8 days suitable for field work last week.

Crop

Last week, rice producers were able to harvest 17 percent of the rice crop and, by week's end, 58 percent of the crop was harvested. By the end of the week, harvest percentages for corn, cotton, sorghum, and soybeans were 91 percent, 17 percent, 95 percent, and 29 percent, respectively. At the close of the week, 95 percent of the cotton crop had reached the open boll stage, an advance of 8 percentage points from the previous week and 9 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. By week's end, 69 percent of the soybean crop had reached the yellowing stage, 54 percent had reached the shedding stage, and 41 percent had reached maturity. Last week, wheat producers were able to seed an additional one percent of the wheat crop. In addition to harvesting and planting, producers were spraying row crops for insects and applying defoliant to cotton.

Livestock

Livestock conditions were consistent with the previous week and were reported as mostly good as some producers sold fall calves. Although some pasture and hay fields continued to be plagued by armyworms, hay and pasture conditions continued to improve. Last week, some producers were planting and fertilizing cool season forage and baling row crop stubble for hay.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2006	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvest	91	83	97	92
Cotton	Bolls Opening	95	87	89	86
	Harvest	17	9	16	9
Rice	Harvest	58	41	66	61
Sorghum	Harvest	95	88	89	84
Soybeans	Yellowing	69	58	77	64
	Shedding	54	45	60	47
	Mature	41	32	48	35
	Harvest	29	23	31	24
Winter Wheat	Planted	2	1	1	2

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	0	11	24	44	21
Soybeans	8	22	27	31	12
Hay-Alfalfa	0	12	35	42	11
Hay-Other	2	18	39	35	6
Pasture and Range	2	18	38	39	3

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 23, 2007									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sept.23	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2007	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	88	55	3	0.00	2.12	4.40	26.87	34.38
	Harrison	88	56	5	0.00	3.31	3.81	23.40	33.24
N. Central	Calico Rock	90	48	3	0.00	1.81	3.71	27.17	33.36
	Gilbert	89	57	4	0.00	1.92	3.46	30.78	32.53
	Greers Ferry	86	56	1	0.00	9.63	3.66	33.89	36.12
	Mtn. Home	90	53	6	0.00	1.53	3.97	28.83	31.76
Northeast	Batesville	89	51	3	0.00	9.75	3.28	41.80	33.99
	Jonesboro	94	59	6	0.00	5.52	2.80	28.33	33.03
	Keiser	93	59	5	0.00	3.95	3.31	23.58	36.87
	Newport	89	55	2	0.00	6.42	3.20	31.65	34.86
W. Central	Booneville	90	55	2	0.15	4.98	3.54	28.75	34.61
	Clarksville	89	55	3	0.00	4.42	3.45	28.75	33.44
	Dardanelle	90	58	3	0.00	7.50	3.16	33.13	34.91
	Ft. Smith	90	61	4	0.00	4.91	3.20	32.52	31.89
	Mena	86	54	1	0.14	5.80	4.23	44.71	41.67
	Ozark	90	57	2	0.07	4.20	3.26	36.59	32.36
Central	Conway	87	53	2	0.12	5.82	3.31	32.25	34.61
	Hot Springs	91	51	0	0.00	5.37	3.53	40.15	41.13
	Little Rock	89	61	4	0.00	4.23	3.33	30.78	36.18
	N. Little Rock	89	55	2	0.00	5.29	3.24	32.43	35.17
E. Central	Brinkley	89	52	3	0.00	3.05	2.68	27.87	36.31
	Marianna	90	61	4	0.00	2.78	2.84	26.51	38.54
	Stuttgart	92	58	2	0.00	3.66	2.47	29.82	35.13
Southwest	Hope	90	52	2	0.05	3.64	3.69	42.44	38.98
	Texarkana	89	59	0	0.40	3.71	2.98	39.53	33.41
S. Central	Camden	90	54	1	0.00	3.55	3.19	40.56	38.37
	El Dorado	90	57	2	0.00	3.83	2.95	38.62	40.44
	Warren	88	53	0	0.00	3.45	3.29	37.26	40.32
Southeast	Eudora	92	55	-2	0.51	3.51	2.48	36.02	41.75
	Pine Bluff	90	59	2	0.00	4.16	2.87	30.42	37.68
	Rohwer	89	59	1	0.02	3.42	2.61	31.20	37.70

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ - 30 year average.

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